

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 10, 11, 15-16, 18-20, 22-43 and 46-59 are pending in the present application. Claims 37-43 and 46-51 are cancelled herewith. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added by way of this amendment.

Claims 1-7, 10, 11, 15, 16, 18-20, 22-36 and 52-59 have been allowed.

Claims 37-43, 46, 47 and 51 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Jensen et al. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection and request withdrawal of the same.

Claims 37-43, 46, 47 and 51 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Oxman et al. (USP 6,187,836). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection and request withdrawal of the same.

Claims 37-42 and 46-51 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Hubbel et al. (WO 93/17669). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection and request withdrawal of the same.

In order to moot the Examiner's rejections and expedite allowance of the remaining claims, Applicant has deleted claims 37-43 and 46-51 without prejudice to the filing of any appropriate continuation application.

The arguments made herein should in no way be construed as dedicating any unclaimed or amended subject matter or equivalents to the public, and were done solely to expedite prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to pursue any cancelled or amended subject matter in this or related applications.

It is respectfully submitted in view of the foregoing Remarks that all of the rejections in the Office Action dated January 30, 2003 have been overcome and should be withdrawn. Applicant respectfully requests early and favorable notification to that effect.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a phone call may help to expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call Applicant's undersigned attorney at (312) 701-7174.

Respectfully submitted,

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